

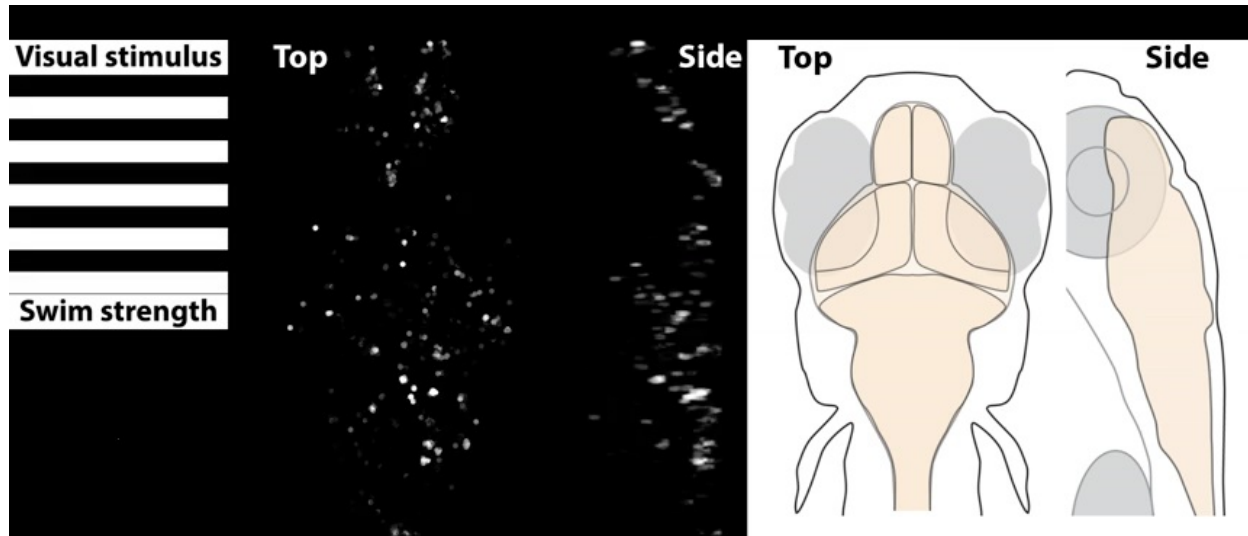
# Cluster neurons

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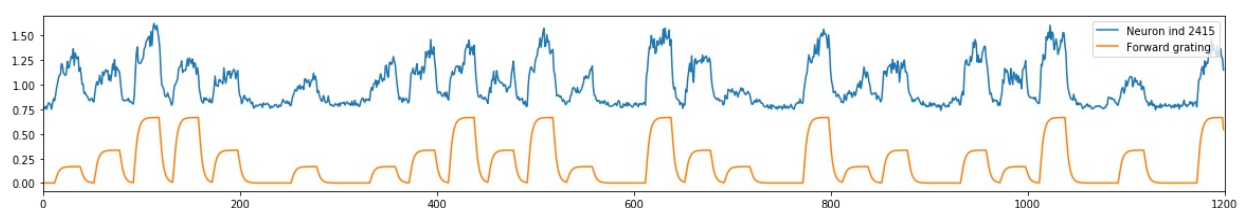
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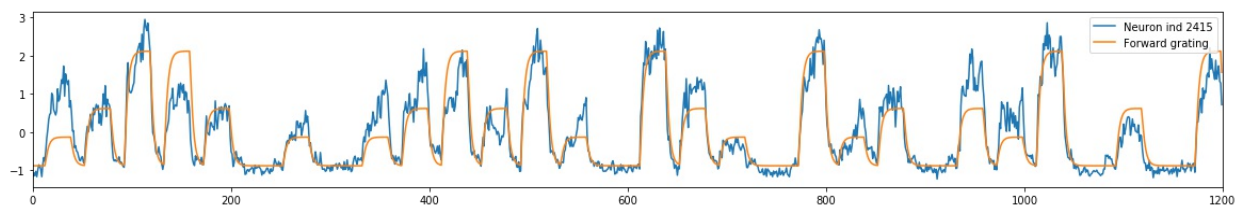
## Unify the data -- z-score

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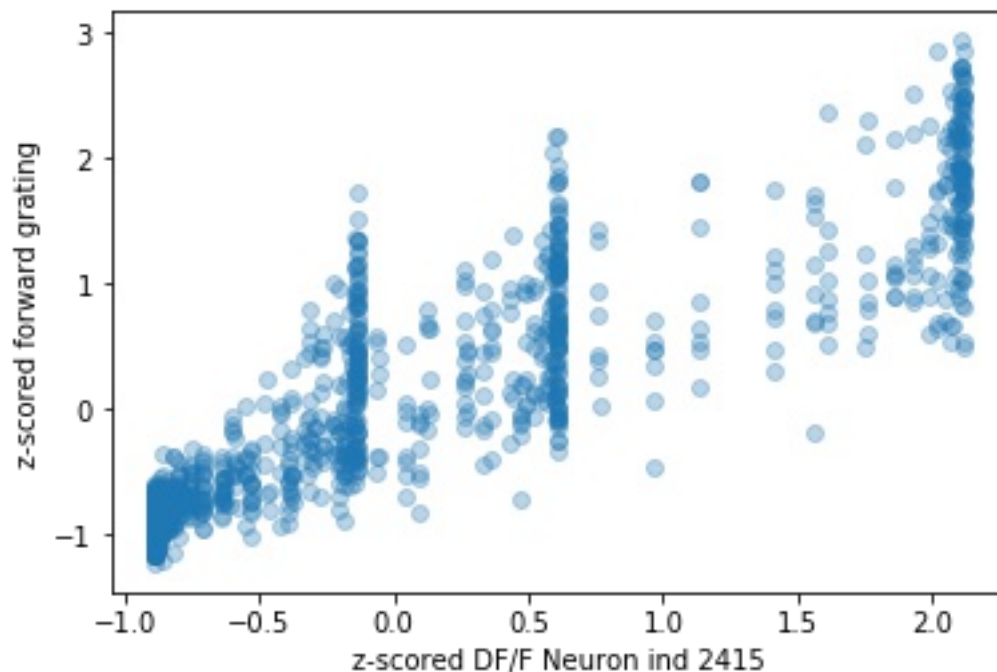
$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

- write your own function of z-score
- find existing function in matlab doing z-score
- do exercise 3.1 and 3.2



## Find relations between a behavioral variable and a neural response -- scatter plot

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**Quantify the linear relations between a behavioral**

## variable and a neural response -- correlations

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$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

- write your own function of Pearson's correlation  $\rho$
- find existing function in matlab doing Pearson's correlation
- compute correlation to a single behavioral variable (exercise 3.3)
- compute correlation to different behavioral variables (exercise 3.4)
- **create correlation map across the whole brain** (exercise 3.5)

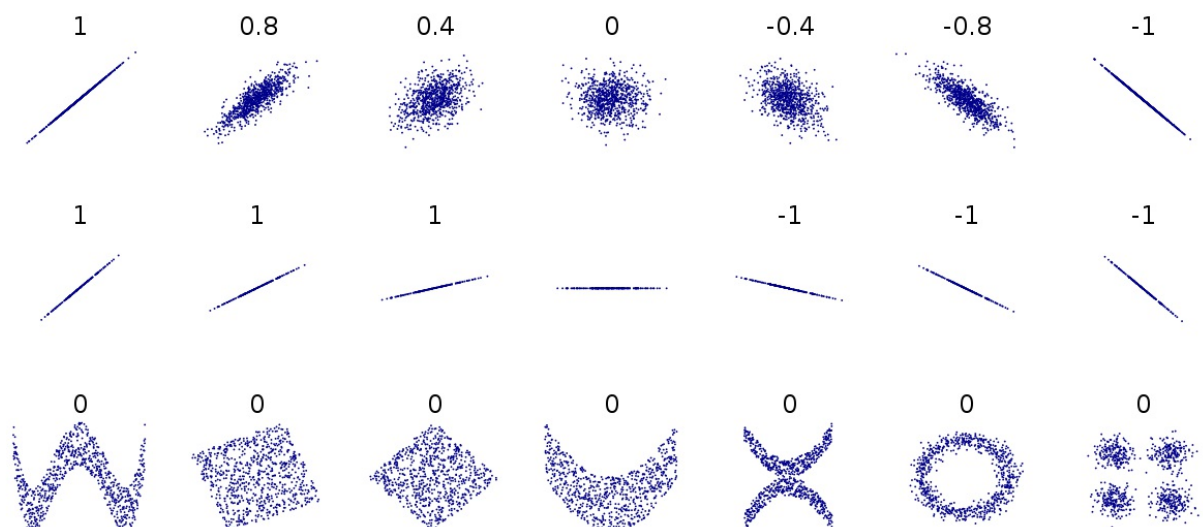
### \* Discussion: Quantify the relations between a behavioral variable and a neural response

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### Any other metrics?

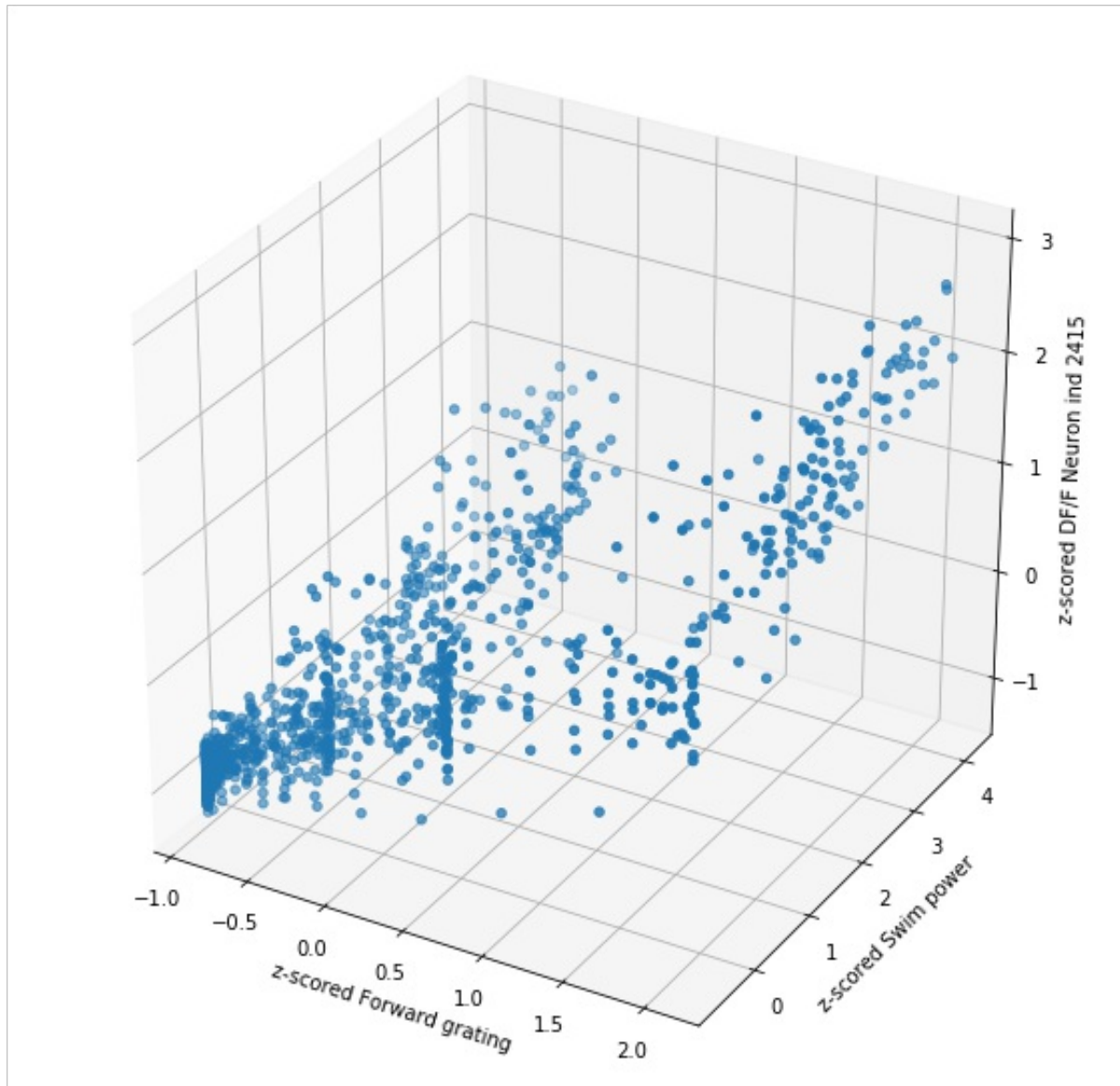
- when the response is not linear to the input?
- when the distribution of response or input is skewed?



# Quantify the contribution of a neural response from multiple behavioral variables

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# Quantify the contribution of a neural response from multiple behavioral variables -- Linear regression

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$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \dots$$

- use `regress` function doing linear regression on neural activity to behavioral variables (excercise 3.6)
- try different functions in matlab

## **Discussion: Quantify the contribution of a neural response from multiple behavioral variables**

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### **Discussion #1 pairwise correlation vs linear regression**

- Similarity
- Dissimilarity
- Pros and cons

### **Discussion #2 what can be extended in regression?**